

SENATE BILL No. 132

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 20-1-23; IC 21-3-13.

Synopsis: Smart start program and grants. Establishes a grant program for school readiness programs beginning in the 2004-2005 school year. Requires school corporations to develop and submit a plan to the department of education and state board of education for approval before receiving a grant. Appropriates \$60,000,000 to the department for its use in awarding grants during the 2003-2005 biennium.

Effective: July 1, 2003.

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January 7, 2003, read first time and referred to Committee on Education and Career Development.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning education and to make an appropriation.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 20-1-23 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS
2 A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
3 1, 2003]:

4 **Chapter 23. Smart Start Program Plan**

5 **Sec. 1. The board shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 establishing**
6 **the criteria for acceptable smart start programs that may be**
7 **approved under this chapter. The rules must provide that**
8 **programs similar to the following are approved:**

- 9 (1) Head Start under 42 U.S.C. 9831 et seq.
10 (2) Even Start.
11 (3) Transitional kindergarten and grade 1.
12 (4) Full day kindergarten.
13 (5) Before and after school programs.
14 (6) Other nationally accepted programs that improve school
15 readiness.

16 **The criteria must be based on national studies and research on**
17 **school readiness programs.**



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1 **Sec. 2. Each school corporation may adopt a plan to provide a**
 2 **smart start program. The plan must comply with the rules adopted**
 3 **under this chapter and must include the following:**

4 **(1) Goals, objectives, and expectations of the program that are**
 5 **consistent with each school's strategic and continuous school**
 6 **improvement and achievement plan under IC 20-10.2-3.**

7 **(2) Anticipated or estimated participation in each program.**

8 **(3) Physical space needs, specifically identifying the potential**
 9 **need for more classrooms or facilities or expansion of existing**
 10 **rooms and the estimated cost for additional space that will be**
 11 **attributable to having a program.**

12 **(4) Transportation needs, including necessary additional bus**
 13 **routes and buses and the estimated cost for necessary**
 14 **expansion of transportation.**

15 **(5) Personnel needs, including necessary additional teachers,**
 16 **aides, and other staff that will be required to maintain a**
 17 **fifteen to one (15:1) student to teacher ratio in kindergarten**
 18 **through grade 3 and the estimated cost for necessary**
 19 **additional personnel.**

20 **(6) Professional development plans for program teachers,**
 21 **including a description of the types and amount of training**
 22 **that teachers in the program will be asked or required to**
 23 **complete before implementing a program.**

24 **(7) Academic structure of the program, including the mix of**
 25 **subject areas and activities that will be provided.**

26 **(8) A list of statutes and rules that the governing body**
 27 **considers necessary to have waived for the success of the**
 28 **program.**

29 **(9) Parental involvement plans for the program.**

30 **(10) Evaluation methods that will be used to monitor progress**
 31 **toward meeting or exceeding the program goals, objectives,**
 32 **and expectations.**

33 **Sec. 3. (a) A governing body shall conduct a public hearing to**
 34 **give all interested parties an opportunity to review and comment**
 35 **on the smart start program plan developed under section 2 of this**
 36 **chapter. Notice of the hearing must be given at least fourteen (14)**
 37 **days before the hearing in accordance with IC 5-14-1.5-5(b). After**
 38 **the public hearing, the governing body may revise the plan and**
 39 **hold another public hearing on the revised plan.**

40 **(b) The approved plan must be submitted to the department for**
 41 **review and approval before January 1, 2004, to receive a grant for**
 42 **the 2004-2005 school year. A school corporation that does not**

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1 submit a plan in 2003 must submit a plan to the department for
2 review and approval before January 1 of a school year to receive
3 a grant in subsequent school years.

4 (c) The plan must then be submitted to the board for approval.

5 (d) A school corporation is not entitled to funding for a smart
6 start program until a plan is approved by the board.

7 (e) The department shall monitor the success of students
8 involved in a smart start program by comparing the ISTEP test
9 scores of grade 3 students who have participated in the program
10 with the ISTEP test scores of:

11 (1) grade 3 students in the participating school who took the
12 ISTEP test in years before the start of the program; and

13 (2) grade 3 students in other schools of similar size that are
14 not participating in the program.

15 SECTION 2. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2003] (a) The definitions set
16 forth in IC 21-3-1.6 apply throughout this SECTION.

17 (b) In addition to the amount a school corporation is entitled to
18 receive under IC 21-3, each school corporation is entitled to receive
19 a grant for its smart start program that is implemented under a
20 plan approved under IC 20-1-23. A school corporation shall use the
21 grant for its smart start program under the plan approved under
22 IC 20-1-23.

23 (c) In determining grant amounts, the department of education
24 shall give priority to school corporations that have a high number
25 of students who are eligible to receive free or reduced price lunches
26 under guidelines established under 42 U.S.C. 1758(b).

27 (d) This SECTION expires June 30, 2005.

28 SECTION 3. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2003] (a) There is
29 appropriated to the department of education sixty million dollars
30 (\$60,000,000) from the state general fund for its use in providing
31 grants under section 2 of this act, beginning July 1, 2003, and
32 ending June 30, 2005.

33 (b) This SECTION expires July 1, 2005.

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